

## Erma Sophia Boerner, 98

Erma Sophia Boerner "peacefully joined her Heavenly Father" on Thursday,

July 31, 2005, at a mantle Lutheran Home in Kalispell, at the age of 98.



She was born in Bryan, Ohio, on Dec. 3, 1906, one of 11 children to Fredrick and Ida Mae (Lehman) Neidhardt. Erma's family moved to Cut Bank, where her father owned and operated a butcher shop. Erma's mother was an assistant to the local midwife.

Erma met her husband, Otto, in Cut Bank, where they were married and resided for several years. They moved with their four children to Great Falls, and had two more children while Otto worked for Great Northern Railroad. Erma did child care, bakery work and other jobs while raising her six children. Erma and her children were able to occasionally travel via Great Northern Railroad during Otto's employment with the railroad.

After Otto's retirement, the couple occasionally traveled as well, to visit their children and family. Erma and Otto moved to Lakeside, and built their own

home. They had a bountiful garden, and cherry and apple trees. Erma enjoyed canning, tending her flower gardens and wild birds. She canned fruit and peaches and Otto canned pickles and sauerkraut.

She will be remembered for her warm smile, kind heart and love she extended to all those who visited her at her home in Lakeside. "She has given us beautiful and wonderful memories. We will miss her very much."

Erma was preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings.

She is survived by her six children, Agnes Mae Thompson and Alwert Fredrich Boerner and wife, Adath, all of Lakeside, Esther Jesse Munoz and husband, Chao, of Brownsville, Texas, Irene Mildred Armitage of Beevill, Texas, Gerald Maynard Boerner and wife, Linda, of Great Falls, and Patricia Jane Viles of Portland; one brother, Hank Neidhardt and wife, Joann, of Cut Bank; and one sister, Edna Hendriksen of Lakeside.

A memorial service for Erma Boerner was held 3 p.m. on Monday, April 4, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, where there were graveside services and also urn burial.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory was caring for Erma's family.

## Harold John Boetcher, 84

Harold John Boetcher, 84, passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Oct. 18, 1920, in Kalispell to John and Anna (Nichol) Boetcher. Harold received his early education attending Flathead schools.

In 1940, he joined the Army and served until separating in 1946.

Harold married Josephine Solimando on May 21, 1949, in Kalispell. He worked at various jobs, including the Hungry Horse Dam, a saw mill in Seeley Lake in 1958, and finally for the Flathead County as a janitor until his retirement in 1973.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as participating in sports



and sporting events.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Wallace and Raymond; and his stepfather, Ray Howell.

He is survived by wife, Josephine Boetcher, of Kalispell; son, Mike Boetcher, of Kalispell; and daughter, Linda Taylor, and husband, William, of Kalispell; two grandsons, Josh Taylor and girlfriend, Amanda Parsons, and Shawn Farnum and wife, Dezary; two great-grandsons, Ethan Farnum and Trevor Stroh; one sister, Kay Gordon; niece, Karen Nilsen; nephew, Malcom Gordon; great-niece, Loren Gordon; and a great-nephew, Kirk Nilsen.

Memorial services for Harold will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2005, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Harold's family.

## David W. Boisseau M.D.

David W. Boisseau M.D., passed away at his home in Kalispell on July 7, 2005, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his four children: David, Douglas, Cheryl and

Renae, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He is a member of the Montana Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 591, Kalispell, MT 59903.

## Sandra Bohns, 55

Sandra Bohns passed away peacefully in her sleep, on July 18, 2005.

Sandra was born Dec. 28, 1949, in Santa Rosa, Calif., to Doyle and Ruth Beaman.



Sandra is survived by her fiance, Randy Gates; and her six children, William Stowe III and wife, Carolyn, of Indiana, Kimberly Griggs and husband, Craig, of Kalispell, Suzzanne Stowe of Santa Rosa, Angela Bohns of Salt Lake City, Heidi Bohns (Gebhart) and husband, Nathan Gebhart, and Karen Gates and husband, Rodney, all of Kalispell. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren ranging in ages of one unborn to 20 years old.

Last but certainly not least is Sandra's three best friends, Debbie Paxton and Kathy Hindman of Kalispell, Holly Duddly of Salt Lake City, and Fred Elrod of Kalispell.

Cremation has already taken place. A celebration of her life will be held at Faith Free Lutheran, 405 Liberty Street, Kalispell, at 4 p.m. on Aug. 6.

Sandra was a kind-hearted person to everyone who knew her. She was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone at any given time. She was a very passionate and humble soul. Those who knew her, could only be so lucky to live as free as she did. She was full of joy with a very loving heart. A compassionate person, funny, exceptionally outgoing and a joy to be around, Sandra will be missed by all who knew her and were dear to her heart.

## Lucia J. Bojorques-Elgas, 67

Lucia J. Bojorques-Elgas of Riverton, Wyo., formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 27, 2005, at Wind River Healthcare in Riverton. She was 67 years old.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services and inurnment will be in Tempe, Ariz., at a later date.

Lucia Joan Bojorques was born March 2, 1937, in Tempe, the daughter of Joseph Bojorques and Edna Lucille Sussex. She attended schools in Arizona and California and studied nursing at Arizona State University.

On April 26, 1956, she married Donald Elgas in Tempe.

Ms. Bojorques was a wife, homemaker, and mother of 12 children. She lived most of her life in Tempe, moved to Kalispell, and then to Wyoming to be closer to family.

She was a member of the Catholic

Church. Her family said Ms. Bojorques enjoyed garage sales, flea markets, jazz concerts and family gatherings. Survivors include sons, Michael Elgas of Sumner, Wash., Mark Elgas of Glendale, Ariz., Dennis Elgas of Bozeman, Danny Elgas of Burke, Va., and David Elgas of Salem, Ore.; daughters, Liz Tracy of Riverton, Margaret Elgas of Kalispell, Mary Dougenis of Rock Springs, Wyo., Melinda Kiefer of Billings, Heather Nguyen of Portland, Jeanne McEwen of Salem, and Vanessa Kiefer of Joplin; 24 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, and a grand-daughter, Lindsay Elgas.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Funeral Home of Riverton.

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# DAVID W. BOISSEAU M.D.

*January 28, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

David W. Boisseau M.D., passed away at his home in Kalispell on Jan. 22, 2005, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his four children, David, Philip, Cheryl and Renee; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, any remembrances may be sent to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903.

# LUCIA J. BOJORQUES-ELGAS, 67

*January 27, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Lucia J. Bojorques-Elgas of Riverton, Wyo., formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 25, 2005, at Wind River Healthcare in Riverton. She was 67 years old.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services and inurnment will be in Tempe, Ariz., at a later date.

Lucia Joan Bojorques was born March 2, 1937, in Tempe, the daughter of Joseph Bojorques and Edna Lucille Sussex. She attended schools in Arizona and California and studied nursing at Arizona State University.

On April 26, 1956, she married Donald Elgas in Tempe.

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Survivors include sons, Michael Elgas of Sumner, Wash., Mark Elgas of Glendale, Ariz., Dennis Elgas of Bozeman, Danny Elgas of Burke, Va., and David Elgas of Salem, Ore.; daughters, Liz Toay of Riverton, Margaret Elgas of Kalispell, Mary Douzenis of Rock Springs, Wyo., Melinda Kiefer of Billings, Heather Nguyen of Portland, Jeanne McEwen of Salem, and Vanessa Kiefer of Joliet; 24 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; and a granddaughter, Lindsay Elgas.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Funeral Home of Riverton.



## Robert 'Bob' Duane Boley, 64

Robert "Bob" Duane Boley, 64, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2005, of a heart attack in Mesquite, Nev.

A son of Duane and Barbara "Bobbie" Boley, he was born in Glasgow on July 9, 1940. Bob graduated from Glasgow High School in 1958. And later from Northern Montana College in 1962, where he excelled in football and baseball. He received his master's degree in counseling from the University of Montana.

Bob began his teaching-coaching career in Outlook. He served in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam conflict.

After the war he taught in Dodson, Lodge Grass, and Havre where he was vice principal until 1977.

In 1979 he married his sweetheart Barbara Strong.

He was principal at Poplar High School from 1977 to 1980, and then from 1980 to 1987 at Colstrip High School.

Bob and Barbara moved to Lakeside where they owned and operated the Spinnaker. In 1980 they sold the Spinnaker.

Bob was an avid sports fan and a Greenbay Packer follower; he also



enjoyed golfing, hunting, playing cards, and carpentry. Bob was a Past Master of Havre Lodge, AF AM in Havre, as well as a member of Algeria Shrine. Bob was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Bob is survived by his wife, Barbara, a resident of Lakeside, and Mesquite, Nev.; his children Staci and Otis Thrasher of Butte, Qui Boley of Missoula, Shaun and Karl Boley of Boise, Idaho, and Casey Boley of Inverness, four grandchildren, Chance and Chelsi Thrasher of Butte, and Isabelle and Callie Boley of Boise, a sister, Barbara Duane Boley, of Great Falls, a brother, Terry and Danni Boley of Kent, Wash.; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and a dear friend, Rheta Housman, of Mesquite.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Duane and Barbara Boley.

Bob's wishes were to be cremated and memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to the Heart fund, Shrine Hospital in Spokane, ORU Lakeside, or a charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the Boley family at P.O. Box 297, Lakeside, MT 59022.

Arrangements are under direction of Virgin Valley Mortuary, 702-346-0090.

## John Bolme, 81

John Bolme, 81, passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on April 18, 1923, in Rindal, Norway, to Ole and Mary (Torset) Bolme. John moved with his family to Duluth, Minn., at the age of 3. He received his education, graduating from Denfeld High School in Duluth.

John enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and served aboard the USS Johnston destroyer during the Battle of Leyte Gulf as a seaman first class. His ship was sunk and only one third of the crew survived. John, among others, floated on a life raft for three days until being rescued. Back in the states, John attended Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis in 1945.

John married Amelia Ellen Maki on June 8, 1946, in the Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Duluth. The couple remained in Duluth where John worked as a postal clerk until moving to Boulder, Colo., in 1956. In Boulder he again



worked with the postal service until his retirement in 1978.

John and Amelia spent their winters in Tucson, Ariz., for many years. They enjoyed the activities available through the mobile home park which included hiking, biking and golf. They also enjoyed many summertime walks along the bike paths in Boulder. In 2003 the couple moved to Kalispell.

John was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one nephew.

He is survived by his wife, Amelia, two daughters, Sharon Wilkins and husband, Ed, of Ft. Collins, Colo., and their two sons, David and Keith, and Kathryn Ell and husband, James, of Kalispell, and their three sons, Ryan, Craig and Andrew; one son, John Stephen Bolme of Gateway, Colo., and his son, Nick. John is also survived by one sister, Bertha Gudvaugen; and a great-grandson, Jesse Bolme.

Memorial services for John will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Linda Jean Burnett officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for John's family.

## Burton E. 'Burt' Bondurant

Burton E. "Burt" Bondurant, longtime Flathead County resident, passed away Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Burt was born Sept. 27, 1929, in Kalispell to Charles and Cleo Bondurant. Except for a year in California in 1939, and two years in Washington state, he spent his growing up years in Bigfork and Kalispell.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1948 and served in Colorado and Florida and New Jersey. Upon his discharge in 1949 he returned to Montana where he worked various jobs in ranching and pipeline construction.

He married Peggy McDevitt in December 1950 and they made their home in Kalispell for a few years, working on Hungry Horse Dam.

In 1953 Burt moved his family to Missoula where he worked as a logger and independent log hauler. In 1968 he returned to Kalispell and spent 25 years trucking bakery products between Kalispell and Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

He retired in 1991 and was able to spend time with his family as the



owner of the beloved Burt's Food and Beverage Market and knew at an early age that he would be a truck driver. He was especially fond of motor cycles and boats and loved to gather the whole family for campout trips to nearby lakes, especially Tully and Butterfoot, and combining his country and robes with water skiing and boating. He took great pleasure in teaching young and old children to ride and ski. Thanks to him, a whole generation of young people has come to know and love the out of doors as he did.

Burt was preceded in death by his parents, Char E and Cleo Bondurant, as well as his grandparents, Charles and Minnie Bondurant, and his wife of over 50 years, Peggy Bondurant.

He is survived by three sons, Mitchell of Spokane, Douglas of Wenatchee, Wash., and Chip of Kalispell, a brother, Ken, and his wife, Beth, of Denver, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and various nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Central Christian Church with the Rev. Jon Van der Poll officiating. The burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Burke Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Opal Leona Bones, 79

Opal Leona Bones, 79, of Ronan, formerly of Polson, died on Tuesday Dec. 27, 2005, at St. Luke Community Hospital in Ronan from natural causes.

She is survived by her husband, Oliver, of Ronan; a son, Stan Bones, of Bigfork; and a daughter, Gwen Nelda, of Ronan.

No services are planned at this time and cremation has taken place.

Arrangements under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

# ROBERT "BOB" DUANE BOLEY, 64

*March 30, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Robert "Bob" Duane Boley, 64, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2005, of a heart attack in Mesquite, Nev.

A son of Duane and Barbara "Bobbie" Boley, he was born in Glasgow on July 9, 1940. Bob graduated from Glasgow High School in 1958. And later from Northern Montana College in 1962, where he excelled in football and baseball. He received his master's degree in counseling from the University of Montana.

Bob began his teaching /coaching career in Outlook. He served in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam Conflict.

After the war he taught in Dodson, Lodge Grass, and Havre where he was vice principal until 1977.

In 1979 he married his sweetheart Barbara Strong.

He was principal at Poplar High School from 1977 to 1980, and then from 1980 to 1987 at Colstrip High School.

Bob and Barbara moved to Lakeside where they owned and operated the Spinnaker. In 1993 they sold the Spinnaker.

Bob was an avid sports fan and a Greenbay Packer follower; he also enjoyed golfing, hunting, playing cards, and carpentry. Bob was a Past Master of Havre Lodge, AF/AM in Havre, as well as a member of Algeria Shrine. Bob was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Bob is survived by his wife, Barbara, a resident of Lakeside, and Mesquite, Nev.; his children Staci and Otis Thrasher of Butte, Qui Boley of Missoula, Shaun and Kari Boley of Boise, Idaho, and Casey Boley of Inverness; four grandchildren, Chance and Chelsi Thrasher of Butte, and Isabelle and Callie Boley of Boise; a sister, Barbara Diane Boley, of Great Falls; a brother, Terry and Diann Boley of Kent, Wash.; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; and a dear friend, Rheta Housman, of Mesquite.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Duane and Barbara Boley.

Bob's wishes were to be cremated and memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to the Heart fund, Shrine Hospital in Spokane; QRU Lakeside; or a charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the Boley family at P.O. Box 297, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Arrangements are under direction of Virgin Valley Mortuary, 702-346-6060.

# JOHN BOLME, 81

*March 11, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

John Bolme, 81, passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on April 18, 1923, in Rindal, Norway, to Ole and Mary (Torset) Bolme. John moved with his family to Duluth, Minn., at the age of 3. He received his education, graduating from Denfeld High School in Duluth.

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Memorial services for John will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Lindean Barnett officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for John's family.

# BURTON E. 'BURT' BONDURANT

*February 01, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Burton E. "Burt" Bondurant, longtime Flathead County resident, passed away Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Burt was born Sept. 27, 1929, in Kalispell, to Charles and Cleo Bondurant. Except for a year in California in 1939, and two years in Washington state, he spent his growing up years in Bigfork and Kalispell.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1946 and served in Colorado and Florida and New Jersey. Upon his discharge in 1949 he returned to Montana where he worked various jobs in ranching and pipeline construction.

He married Peggy McDonald in December 1950 and they made their home in Kalispell for a few years, working on Hungry Horse Dam.

In 1953 Burt moved his family to Missoula where he worked as a logger and independent log hauler. In 1968 he returned to Kalispell and spent 25 years trucking bakery products between Kalispell and Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

He retired in 1991 and was able to spend time with his family in the outdoors that he loved. Burt loved all things mechanical and knew at an early age that he would be a truck driver. He was especially fond of motorcycles and boats and loved to gather the whole family for camping trips to nearby lakes, especially Tally and Bitterroot, and combining backcountry trail rides with water skiing and boating. He took great pleasure in teaching young (and old) children to ride and ski. Thanks to him, a whole generation of young people has come to know and love the out of doors as he did.

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Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Central Christian Church with the Rev. Jan Van der Poll officiating. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.







# GROVER F. BOTKIN, 80

*January 06, 2005 at 5:01 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Grover F. Botkin, 80, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004. He was traveling in his beloved home state of Montana.

Grover was born on Oct. 2, 1924, in Washington, D.C., to Grover Cleveland Botkin and Lillian Webster Botkin.

He served over 39 years in dignitary service to our country. He entered World War II at the age of 17 with the United States Navy and served on the USS Emery DE-28 and the USS Prime.

Several years after the war, he enlisted with the United States Air Force as a radar controller, earning distinction with the rank of senior master sergeant at retirement.

For the next 15 years, Grover served as a police law enforcement officer in Great Falls. Grover lived for 40 years in Montana, owning homes in Opheim, Great Falls, and Billings.

He and his wife, Greta, built their retirement home on Flathead Lake and have resided in Dayton for 11 years. Grover loved hunting, fishing, and collecting antiques, artwork and guns. He was an avid lover of his horses and pets at home. "He will always have a special place in all of our hearts for his talent of telling 'the most wonderful stories and tales of adventure!'"

He was a consultant in several large Hollywood movies. He was very proud to belong to the Mason, WCSM, NWMACA, and he was a life member of the NRA.

Grover was a father who taught us valuable lessons of good citizenship, manners and independence.

Grover is survived by his wife of almost 30 years, Greta Botkin; and his family who include Bruce Botkin and Vici Peters, Ben Botkin and Rose Mary Taylor, Beverly Botkin LaCasse and her son, Nathan LaCasse, who currently is serving with the U.S. Coast Guard, Lisa Sell and her husband Dean Sell and their daughter, Nahtanha. Nathan and Nahtanha are the grandchildren of Grover.

A public memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Avenue East, Polson, with Father Gary Reller officiating. A community potluck welcomes all friends, neighbors, and family to the Idle Spur Saloon at Dayton at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

## Ruth Elgestead Boulden, 90

Ruth Elgestead Boulden, 90, passed away on Monday, Jan. 3, at Johnson Memorial Home in Butte.



She was born Sept. 30, 1913, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and lived in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Butte, Idaho, before moving to Butte in 1943. Her parents were Elmer and Mary Elgestead. They had six children: Roy, Albert, the deceased Boulden, Gene, and Ruth. Ruth was the youngest child. She worked for the government in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, before moving to Butte. She was a member of the Butte Chapter of the Elks Club and the Butte Chapter of the American Legion. She was also a member of the Butte Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Ruth and Elmer had three children: Elmer, Albert, and Ruth. Elmer died in 1943. Albert died in 1943. Ruth was the youngest child. She worked for the government in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, before moving to Butte. She was a member of the Butte Chapter of the Elks Club and the Butte Chapter of the American Legion. She was also a member of the Butte Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Ruth attended St. Mary's School in the summer. She had been married to Elmer for 20 years when he died in 1943. Ruth came to the Bluff and worked for a couple of weeks before moving to Kalispell, where she worked for the Elks Club. After she got married, she lived in Kalispell.

In the 1950s, she went to work at the Johnson Memorial Home in Butte. She worked for Elmer's house during the time Elmer was in the hospital. She also worked at the soldiers home.

She met Melvin Boulden in Paris. They married in 1943. He was called into the Army, and Ruth went to work for Flathead Commercial until she moved to Butte with Melvin. She worked in the diet kitchen at the military base in Butte. After Melvin was discharged, she moved back to Kalispell and they went back to work for Flathead Commercial.

Ruth and Melvin had one child, their only son, Myron, in the family in 1948. They lived in various places around Kalispell until they purchased a farm west of town (Dorothy Kelly Dairy in Paris). Ruth and Melvin after a while had the building burned in 1964. She stayed on the farm until 1977, when she moved to town.

She worked as a waitress at Kelly Restaurant from 1964 until she retired in 1976, when she came to work

at the nursing home. She moved to the Elmer Manor Apartments in September, 2000. Her health began to fail a month before her death. Ruth had a brother, who is the deceased, and a sister, who is the deceased.

She was a member of the Elks Club and the American Legion. She was also a member of the Butte Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was a member of the Butte Chapter of the Elks Club and the Butte Chapter of the American Legion. She was also a member of the Butte Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Ruth was an avid reader and a member of the Elks Club and the American Legion. She was also a member of the Butte Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was a member of the Butte Chapter of the Elks Club and the Butte Chapter of the American Legion. She was also a member of the Butte Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Melvin R. Boulden, her brother, Elmer Elgestead, and two sisters, Dorothy and Ruth Elgestead. She is survived by her son, Myron Boulden, and wife, Mary Ann, of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Jennifer R. Boulden, Rebecca L. Boulden, and Lisa S. Boulden, all of Kalispell; three sons, Signe E. Stronig of Moscow, Idaho, Klara Kelly, Boulden of Troy, and Elton Ross of Blaine, Idaho; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services for Ruth M. Boulden will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 10 a.m. in the Montgomery Chapel with Pastor Eugene Barnett of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Johnson Memorial Chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the First Avenue First Avenue Lutheran Church, 600 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to the First Avenue First Avenue Lutheran Church, 1200 West Blaine, MT 59717.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Billee J. Brabender, 22

Billee J. Brabender, 22, daughter of Dixie (Trahan) Brabender and Bill Brabender, lies in state Tuesday at Madigan Hospital, Tacoma, Wash.

A wake will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Longhouse in St. Ignatius, with the rosary being recited at 8 p.m. Sunday

at the Longhouse. Wake closing will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Longhouse, with Mass afterward at 11 a.m. in the St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

Foster and Durgeloh Funeral Home of St. Ignatius is assisting the family with arrangements.

## E.O. 'Gene' Boyle Sr., 90

E.O. "Gene" Boyle Sr., 90, passed away Dec. 30, 2004, at Prostrage Assisted Living in Kalispell.



Gene was born Nov. 29, 1914, in Butte. His parents were Eugene and Elizabeth Boyle. He attended Hawthorne Grade School and graduated from Butte High School in 1933.

After graduating he lived with the Bill Buckley family due to the early deaths of both of his parents. He worked during the day and attended Butte Business College at night. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps for two years.

In 1940, he was employed by the Montana Power Company. In 1943, he was transferred to Cut Bank, where he was an accountant for the Glacier Production Refinery.

Gene married Susan O'Loughlin on June 9, 1941, at St. Margaret's Church in Cut Bank. They had two sons, Gene Jr. "Butch" and Thomas Patrick.

He opened his own accounting agency in 1946, with the help of some trusted friends. He retired in 1972, at the age of 78.

Gene had three special loves: his faith, his family, and the city of Cut Bank. He was a very active member of St. Margaret's, serving as an usher, reader, and Eucharistic minister.

He was active in the remodeling of the church and supported St. Margaret's school before it closed.

Gene was an active member of the city of Cut Bank. Among his official positions held were: 1947-48, city councilman; 1963-1967, city treasurer; 1973-1977, city clerk; chairman of the school board.

## Dale Ray Brabender, 45

Dale Ray Brabender, 45, passed away July 18, 2005, in Las Vegas.

Dale was born April 11, 1960, in Kalispell, to Jack and Eva Brabender. He attended grade school at Hodgson School in Lower Valley and graduated from Flathead High School in 1978.

As a young man Dale enjoyed hunting, fishing and swimming. Then in 1987 he moved to Las Vegas.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eva; and infant brother, Kim.

Aug. 28, 1987, was proclaimed "Gene Boyle Day" by the mayor.

Other contributions to Cut Bank were serving as the secretary of the bowling association for 15 years and umpiring baseball and softball for over 20 years. Gene was a charter member of the Elks, serving as treasurer from 1940-1977. He served as secretary of the cemetery board from 1955-1999, and he also served as director of the Chamber of Commerce and library board. He was the secretary of the three different golf courses which Cut Bank has had.

Probably because of his lack of family growing up, family was especially important to Gene. He was proud of his entire family — wife, sons, in-laws, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Gene is survived by his wife, Susan; his sons, Gene "Butch" and wife Barbara of Kalispell and Tom and wife Sheila of Vancouver, Wash.; five grandchildren and spouses, Mary Jane Holt and husband Robert of Lynden, Wash.; Brenda Boone and husband Keith of Fallon, Nev.; Botham Kopf and husband John of Vancouver; Sean Boyle and his wife Echo of Vancouver; and Deanna McElwee and husband Chris of Polson; six great-grandchildren, Tanner Boone, Emily Holt, Alex Kopf, Jackson Holt, Kaitlin Boyle, Thomas Boyle; and one more great-grandchild expected in March.

The vigil service for Gene will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, with the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, both held at St. Margaret's.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to your favorite charity in the name of E.O. Boyle.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

# RUTH ELGESTEAD BOULDEN, 90

*January 06, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Ruth Elgestead Boulden, 90, passed away on Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 19, 1914, in Cogswell, N.D., to Gustav and Aasta (Skoe) Elgestead. Ruth's parents moved from Cogswell to Plentywood, when she was a baby. They traveled to Dooley, Mont. on the Sioux Railroad Line and by horse and wagon to Plentywood. Her parents received a 160-acre homestead. They lived in Scobey, where her father worked on a sheep ranch. During that time the family hauled lumber by horse and wagon for a house on the homestead. They resided on the homestead for a while but after a cloudburst and flash flood, her parents elected to move.

Ruth and her family lived several places around Scobey and Madoc. During that time they welcomed six additional siblings to the family. One brother, however, died when he was 1-1/2 years old.

Ruth attended school in Madoc in the summer. She had to board in town to attend school in Scobey. In 1931, Ruth came to the Flathead and worked for a couple that needed help on their farm, which is now the Creston Experiment Station. After she got tired of washing eggs and milking cows, she went to work at the Jordan Cafe in Kalispell. Ruth then moved to Polson, and cooked at the Salish House during the time Kerr Dam was being built. She also worked at the soldiers home.

She met Melvin Boulden in Polson. They married in 1939. He was called into the Army and Ruth went to work for Flathead Commercial until she moved to Utah to be with Melvin. She worked in the diet kitchen at the military base in Utah. After Melvin was discharged, they moved back to Kalispell and Ruth went back to work for Flathead Commercial.

Ruth and Melvin welcomed their only son, Myron, to the family in 1948. They lived several places around Kalispell until they purchased a farm west of town (the old Kelly Dairy) in 1953. Ruth lost Melvin after a lengthy battle with cancer in 1964. She stayed on the farm until 1977 when she moved to town.

She worked as a cashier at B&B Restaurant from 1964 until she retired. In 1995, when the yard work overwhelmed her, she moved to the Glacier Manor Apartments. In September 2000, her health necessitated a move to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, where she resided until her death.

Ruth was able to travel to Europe to meet her son when he was in the service and stationed in Germany in 1969. She was thrilled to take in the sights of France, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Holland and Germany. She was able to visit Norway to meet her relatives. She was able to return to Norway for another visit in 1983. Her other travels took her to the Philippines, Hawaii, Mexico and Canada.

Ruth was an avid card player. Whist and pinochle were her favorites. She enjoyed a good game of Scrabble too. A deck of cards and the Scrabble game were always right by the card table ready to put to use whenever the opportunity arose. Ruth was a member of more than one card club through the years and active with the Senior Citizens Center. She enjoyed their card nights so much.



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She was an active member of the Sons of Norway, the Scandinavian Fraternity and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Melvin R. Boulden; two brothers, Oscar Elgestead and Carl Elgestead; and two sisters, Borghild "Bubbles" Miller and Alfield "Allie" Smith.

She is survived by her son, Myron Boulden, and wife, Marilyn, of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Jennifer R. Boulden, Rebecca L. Boulden and Eric S. Boulden, all of Kalispell; three sisters, Signe E. Stratton of Medford, Ore., Klara "Kay" Bedard of Troy, and Elen Fossen of Flaxville; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Ruth M. Boulden will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Lindean Barnett of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be noon to 6 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials to Sons of Norway, 347 First Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 South 72 West, Billings, MT 59102.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

# E.O. "GENE" BOYLE SR., 90

*January 01, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

E.O. "Gene" Boyle Sr., 90, passed away Dec. 30, 2004, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Gene was born Nov. 26, 1914, in Butte. His parents were Eugene and Elizabeth Boyle. He attended Hawthorne Grade School and graduated from Butte High School in 1931.

After graduating he lived with the Bill Buckley family due to the early deaths of both of his parents. He worked during the day and attended Butte Business College at night. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps for two years.

In 1936, he was employed by the Montana Power Company. In 1939, he was transferred to Cut Bank where he was an accountant for the Glacier Production Refinery.

Gene married Susan O'Loughlin on June 9, 1941, at St. Margaret's Church in Cut Bank. They had two sons, Gene Jr. "Butch" and Thomas Patrick.

He opened his own accounting agency in 1948, with the help of some trusted friends. He retired in 1992, at the ripe age of 78.

Gene had three special loves -- his faith, his family, and the city of Cut Bank. He was a very active member of St. Margaret's, serving as an usher,

reader, and Eucharistic minister. He was active in the remodeling of the church and supported St. Margaret's school before it closed.

Gene was an active member of the city of Cut Bank. Among his official positions held were: 1947-49, city councilman; 1953-1987, city treasurer; 1975-1987, city clerk. Because of these formal positions, Aug. 28, 1987, was proclaimed "Gene Boyle Day" by the mayor.

Other contributions to Cut Bank were serving as the secretary of the bowling association for 15 years and umpiring baseball and softball for over 20 years. Gene was a charter member of the Elks, serving as treasurer from 1940-1977. He served as secretary of the cemetery board from 1955-1999, and he also served as director of the Chamber of Commerce and library board. He was the secretary of the three different golf courses which Cut Bank has had.

Probably because of his lack of family growing up, family was especially important to Gene. He was proud of his entire family -- wife, sons, in-laws, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Gene is survived by his wife, Susan; his sons, Gene "Butch" and wife Barbara of Kalispell and Tom and wife Sheila of Vancouver, Wash.; five grandchildren and spouses, Mary Jane Holt and husband Robert of Lynden, Wash.; Brenda Boone and husband Keith of Fallon, Nev.; Bethann Kopf and husband John of Vancouver; Sean

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Boyle and his wife Echo of Vancouver; and Deanna McElwee and husband Chris of Polson; six great-grandchildren, Tanner Boone, Emily Holt, Alix Kopf, Jackson Holt, Kaitlin Boyle, Thomas Boyle; and one more great-grandchild expected in March.

The vigil service for Gene will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, with the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, both held at St. Margaret's.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to your favorite charity in the name of E.O. Boyle.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.



## Marlin R. Brackney, 67

Marlin R. Brackney, 67, of Polson, passed away Monday, March 7, 2005, as a result of an aneurysm in the mobile area of his heart. He was born May 20, 1937, in Vermilion, S.D., the son of Lillian and Hoyl Brackney.



friends playing poker in his "wood shop."

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Arlys Johnson; and a granddaughter, Courtney Rae Jean.

His family includes his wife, Betty; three daughters, Pam Jean, and her husband, Ernie, of Missoula, Laura Wiles and her husband, Duane, of Spokane, and Kathy Osweller and her husband, John, of Kalispell; three brothers, Richard Brackney and wife, Karen, and Pat Brackney and wife, Edna, all of Anchorage, Alaska, and John Brackney and wife, Barbara, of Great Falls; seven grandchildren, Ernie, Erik and Kyle Jean, Roger Cummings and his wife Katie, Nina Negrete, and Tanner and Brock Osweller; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be scheduled and announced at a later date to be held in Polson.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Diabetes Association or the Missoula Humane Society.

Marlin met and married Betty Zandstra in Mobridge, S.D., in 1965. The couple soon moved to Great Falls when he got a job with the Great Northern Railroad. In 1962, he began working with the Montana Highway Department where he was the division office engineer, from which he retired from in 1988.

In 1993, they moved to Polson to be near their three daughters.

In Polson, he was an active member and a trustee of the Mission Valley Elks Lodge No. 1695. He enjoyed woodworking, bowling and golf, but perhaps most of all, enjoyed Friday nights spent with

## Helen Claire Bradbury, 82

Helen Claire Bradbury, 82, passed away Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Berkeley,

Calif., to Ralph and Grace Two-good. From the time she was born, her parents instilled in her a sense of adventure and courage.

At 17, she traveled with her parents to visit her brother in Alaska. Helen did not return to California.

Enlivened by the beauty and excitement of frontier Alaska, Helen enrolled in school and eventually met her husband, Mack A. Bradbury. They were married Dec. 21, 1941, in Berkeley. Mack was a trucker there who hauled freight to many interesting places.

The couple spent 21 years traveling to exciting towns such as Fairbanks and roughing it in mining towns such as Dawson. Helen found her talents in organization and keeping financial records for the business.

Their son, Joel, was 10 years old when they asked him whether he would enjoy a baby sister. He enthusiastically endorsed the adoption of his sisters, Evelyn and Donna.

The family moved to Lake Superior, where Mack began a business of heavy-equipment contracting. Helen worked for 11 years as secretary to the principal of the high school.

When the opportunity pre-



sented itself to purchase 43 acres near Swan Lake in Montana, they moved the family to the valley and developed a mobile home park. It was important to them that the homes in the park have private yards and cleared only as many trees as necessary to maintain the aesthetics of mountain living. They also provided a shop area, equipped with tools for residents to use.

Helen had a strong spiritual base. She enjoyed attending Swan Chapel and supporting the church activities there and participating in the Ferndale Sewing Circle.

Helen was preceded in death by her loving husband; her parents; two great-grandchildren, Tyler Bradbury and Cooper Chatwood; and a brother, Ron Twogood.

She is survived by her son, Joel Bradbury, of Bigfork; two daughters, Donna Nicholson and husband, Al, of Sparks, Nev., and Ev Wood and husband, Mike, of Bigfork; eight grandchildren, Matt and wife, Lisa, Adam and wife, Jackie, Jason and wife, Natalie, Schauntelle and husband, Jason, Sarah and husband, John, and Jeff and fiancée, Julie, Joe, and David; 11 great-grandchildren, Ashley, Madison, Alyssa, Cody, Connor, Ryan, Layne, Kya, Ethan, Cassie and Scotty; and one sister, Ruth Schmoekel, of California.

Memorial services for Helen will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Helen's family.

## Sean William Branch, 20

Sean William Branch, 20, of Libby, died May 25, 2005, from drowning.

Survivors include his parents, Norm and Kit Branch, of

Libby.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funera Home.

## Ernest 'Bud' Branden, 84

Ernest "Bud" Branden, 84, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1920, in Whitefish. He moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with his parents, Sig and Martha Branden in 1924. He lived and attended school in Coeur d'Alene until he went into the Army in 1942.

He married Alma Bell in 1948; they lived in Idaho for a while and then moved to Montana. He worked in the mill yard at Fortuna and retired from Plum Creek. He loved to fish, hunt and spend many hours in the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sig and Martha Branden, and his wife, Alma Branden.



Bud is survived by his son, Harvey Branden and wife, Chris, of Kalispell; daughter, Linda Iverson and husband, Tom, of Whitefish; sister, Iles Pierson and husband, Don, of Seattle; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by all his family and friends. He lived at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for the last three years where he enjoyed playing bingo and all other activities that were provided there.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Montana Veterans Home, Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Memorial services will be 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21, at the Columbia Falls Assembly of God church with Rev. Darrell Newby officiating.

Cremation arrangements were made with Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Oma Stroepe Branson, 90

Oma Stroepe Branson, 90, died on Saturday, July 9, 2005, at Breckland House in Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Patsy Livingston and Charlotte Miller; and grandson,

Michael Branson.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

# MARLIN R. BRACKNEY, 67

*March 16, 2005 at 5:03 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Marlin R. Brackney, 67, of Polson, passed away Monday, March 7, 2005, as the result of an automobile accident. He was born May 28, 1937, in Vermillion, S.D., the son of Lillian and Hoyt Brackney.

Marlin met and married Betty Zandstra in Mobridge, S.D., in 1955. The couple soon moved to Great Falls when he got a job with the Great Northern Railroad. In 1962, he began working with the Montana Highway Department where he was the division office engineer, from which he retired from in 1988.

In 1993, they moved to Polson to be near their three daughters.

In Polson, he was an active member and a trustee of the Mission Valley Elks Lodge No. 1695. He enjoyed woodworking, bowling and golf, but perhaps most of all, enjoyed Friday nights spent with friends playing poker in his "wood shop."

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Arlys Johnson; and a granddaughter, Courtenay Rae Jean.

His family includes his wife, Betty; three daughters, Pam Jean, and her husband, Ernie, of Missoula, Laura Wiles and her husband, Duane, of Spokane, and Kathy Osweiler and her husband, John, of Kalispell; three brothers, Richard Brackney and wife, Karen, and Pat Brackney and wife, Edna, all of Anchorage, Alaska, and John Brackney and wife, Barbara, of Great Falls; seven grandchildren, Ernie, Erik and Kyle Jean, Roger Cummings and his wife Katie, Nina Negrete, and Tanner and Brock Osweiler; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be scheduled and announced at a later date to be held in Polson.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Diabetes Association or the Missoula Humane Society.

# ERNEST "BUD" BRANDEN, 84

*February 20, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Ernest "Bud" Branden, 84, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Bud was born on Dec. 29, 1920, in Whitetail. He moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with his parents, Sig and Martha Branden in 1924. He lived and attended school in Coeur d'Alene until he went into the Army in 1942.

He married Alma Bell in 1948; they lived in Idaho for a while and then moved to Montana. He worked in the mill yard at Fortine and retired from Plum Creek. He loved to fish, hunt and spend many hours in the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sig and Martha Branden, and his wife, Alma Branden.

Bud is survived by his son, Harvey Branden and wife, Chris, of Kalispell; daughter, Linda Iverson and husband, Tom, of Whitefish; sister, Ines Pierson and husband, Don, of Seattle; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by all his family and friends. He lived at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for the last three years where he enjoyed playing bingo and all other activities that were provided there.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Montana Veterans Home, Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Memorial services will be 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21, at the Columbia Falls Assembly of God church with Rev. Darrell Newby officiating.

Cremation arrangements were made with Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.



## Diana Claire (Reaves) Comstock Brensinger, 63

Diana Claire (Reaves) Comstock Brensinger, 63, died on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at Breckenridge House in Kalispell, after a short battle with cancer.

She was born on March 23, 1942, in Baker City, Ore., to Robert Clarence and Hazel Elaine (Rose) Reaves.

Diana was a very loving and giving wife, mother, step and foster mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She liked the outdoors; camping, fishing, and being with her family and friends. Flowers, birds and wildlife were all a big part of her life. Diana will be missed very much by all those that knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steven Comstock; stepfather, Ted Hart; sisters-in-law, Lovetta Reaves, and Evelyn Reaves; brother, Michael Reaves, and his son, Michael B. Reaves.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Brensinger; sons, Robert and Randel Comstock, all of Kalispell, and Justin Simonson of Las Vegas; daughter, Cathy Morton and husband, Don, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Mystie MacNoriuss, R.J. Bechtel, Lynsie



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Mills and husband, Cory, all of Kalispell, Jesse and Tyler Comstock of Pendleton, Ore., Sara Simonson of South Carolina, Amy Bramhall and husband, Aaron of Billings; stepson, Richy Brensinger and wife, Elyse, daughters, Lexie and Breanna of Lexington, S.C.; stepdaughter, Rhonda

Brensinger and children, Kevin, Mathew and Crystal, also of Kalispell; brothers, David Reaves, and Pat Hart; sister, Kay Fletcher and husband, David; foster children, Keith and Cara Kazda and their children, Austin and Dallas, Sonja Colleen O'Brian and daughters, Sandy, Jenny, Kym, and Ameer; great-grandchildren, Jamee, Aaron, Hannah, Ryan, Lilly and Mykayla; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Diana asked that donations be made on her behalf to a Memorial Fund at The Whitefish Credit Union at 234 East Montana Street, Kalispell, MT 59901. A memorial service and potluck will be held on 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Eagles Club in Kalispell. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Diana's family.

## William David "Dave" Brewer Jr., 94

William David "Dave" Brewer Jr., of Lakeside and Glacier Park, died peacefully of natural causes Friday evening, June 17, 2005, in his own home in Lakeside at age 94. He was the son of William D. Brewer and Elizabeth G. Brewer of Pittsburgh, and husband to the late Jacqueline C. Brewer.

Dave Brewer was born Aug. 27, 1910, was a graduate of Peabody High School in Pittsburgh and graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1932, where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

In 1940 he joined Transcontinental and Western Air (later to become TWA) in Kansas City, Mo. During World War II, he was a member of the Air Transport Command service in Brazil, Africa and Scotland to arrange supply routes for the Allies. He married Jac Creaser on Aug. 28, 1943, in Kansas City.

They moved to Falls Church and then McLean, Va., where he became interested in growing azaleas. He spent the rest of his career with TWA in its Washington, D.C., offices working on route development. He retired as the senior director of regulatory

proceedings after 35 years. Mr. Brewer was particularly known as the architect of TWA's trans-Atlantic route system.

In 1975, he and his wife moved to Lakeside where they built a home. He was the treasurer of his homeowner's association for many years. They spent their summers at his wife's family cabin in Glacier Park on Lake McDonald.

Dave Brewer was an amateur actor, woodworker and cabinet maker, bridge player, hiker, community volunteer, Audubon enthusiast and supporter and active member of many environmental organizations.

Mr. Brewer is survived by a daughter, Beth and Jonathan Spatz, of Allison Park, Pa.; and one son, Bill and DeeAnn Hall Brewer, of Eugene, Ore.; six grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret B. Dowler, of Oakmont, Pa.

Contributions can be made to the Glacier Fund, P.O. Box 14, West Glacier, MT 59936 or at [www.glacierfund.org](http://www.glacierfund.org).

Cremation arrangements were handled by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory in Kalispell.

## Jacqueline Alice 'Jac' Brewer, 91

Jacqueline Alice 'Jac' Brewer, 91, of Lakeside and Glacier Park, died peacefully at 10:54 a.m. April 12, 2005, at home in Lakeside of natural causes.

She was born in Waltham, N.H., on Dec. 23, 1913, to the late Stephen J. and Bertha D. (Duchign) Creaser. She graduated from Walliston High School as the valedictorian at age 16 and spent two years studying at the College of Saint Catherine, St. Paul, Minn.

She lived and worked in Kansas City, Mo., for several years where she met and married her husband, William David "Dave" Brewer Jr. in 1943. They spent 10 years living in Falls Church, Va. and 22 years in McLean, Va., before retiring to Lakeside in 1965.

Mrs. Brewer began coming to Glacier Park with her family when she was two years old and spent most of her summers there. The late Eddie Brewer built the family cabin on Lake McDonald for two parents in the winter of 1911, but when the only cremation was by boat from April. She was one

of the last "old timers" who knew Charlie Russell and the Park before going to the Sun Road opened.

Mrs. Brewer was a homemaker, animal lover, accomplished housewife and Audubon enthusiast for most of her life. She supported and was an active member of many environmental organizations. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, needlepoint and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a younger brother, Sydney J. Creaser Jr., who died in 1947.

She is survived by her husband, W. Dave Brewer, of Lakeside, two children, Beth Spatz and Jonathan at Allison Park, Pa., and Bill Brewer and Dee Ann Hall of Eugene, Ore., and six grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held in Glacier Park, at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Glacier Fund, P.O. Box 14, West Glacier, MT 59936, or "<http://www.glacierfund.org>".

## Betty V. Brill, 85

Betty V. Brill, 85, of Polson, passed away as she slept Wednesday morning, Aug. 10, 2005, after a lengthy battle with lung cancer.

She was born in Polson in 1919 and was a graduate of Polson High School.

During the World War II years, she worked in the offices of the Los Angeles school district.

Returning to Montana, Betty met and married Royse Harlan Brill in 1947, and they migrated to Seattle, where they raised a son, Ron.

They enjoyed several years living on the San Juan Islands, where Betty continued with her work for the local school district.

Again, returning to Polson, her life interest included serving the Montecahlo Club, organizing a Kitchen Band, which gave many performances throughout the valley, being active in Eastern Star, volunteering at Fishes & Loaves and the Polson Flathead Historical Museum, as well as the Polson



Chamber of Commerce.

Betty was well known throughout Western Montana because of her volunteer activities, and if there was a bridge game being played, Betty could well have been at the table.

Her husband, Royse Harlan Brill, her parents, Jim Hoskinson and Emma Hoskinson Wynne, and her sister Bobbie Mann preceded Betty in death.

Survivors include her son, Ron Brill, of Redmond, Wash.; her nieces Sydney Sandrock and Shannon Mann of Golden, Colo., and Sheridan Mann of Blackhawk, Colo.; her sister, Sharon Bergman, of Polson; and her very close friend, Dana Blush, also of Polson.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial remembrance will be held in the fall.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made in her name to the Polson City Library, P.O. Box 820, Polson, MT 59860; or Lake County Hospice, 711 Main Street S.W., Ronan, MT 59864.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory of Polson.

# JACQUELINE ALICE "JAC" BREWER, 91

*April 17, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Jacqueline Alice "Jac" Brewer, 91, of Lakeside, and Glacier Park, died peacefully Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at her home in Lakeside, of age-related causes.

She was born in Williston, N.D. on Dec. 24, 1913, to the late Sidney J. and Bertha D. (Leriger) Creaser. She graduated from Williston High School as the valedictorian at age 16 and spent two years studying at the College of Saint Catherine in St. Paul, Minn.

She lived and worked in Kansas City, Mo., for several years where she met and married her husband, William David "Dave" Brewer Jr. in 1943. They spent 10 years living in Falls Church, Va. and 22 years in McLean, Va., before retiring to Lakeside, in 1975.

Mrs. Brewer began coming to Glacier Park with her family when she was two years old and spent most of her summers there. The late Eddie Kruger built the family cabin on Lake McDonald for her parents in the winter of 1917/18, when the only transportation was by boat from Apgar. She was one of the last "old timers" who knew Charlie Russell and the Park before Going-to-the-Sun Road opened.

Mrs. Brewer was a homemaker, animal lover, accomplished horsewoman and Audubon enthusiast for most of her life. She supported and was an active member of many environmental organizations. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, needlepoint and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a younger brother, Sidney J. Creaser Jr, who died in 1947.

She is survived by her husband, W. Dave Brewer, of Lakeside; two children, Beth Spatz and Jonathan of Allison Park, Pa., and Bill Brewer and Dee Ann Hall of Eugene, Ore.; and six grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held in Glacier Park, at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Glacier Fund, P.O. Box 14, West Glacier, MT 59936, or "<http://www.glacierfund.org>"



## Richard 'Dick' Brinton, 82

Richard "Dick" Brinton, 82, died at his home in Libby on June 25, 2005.

He had worked in the woods for Neil's Lumber Company, later owned the Blue Bear Cafe in Libby, and was in the ranching and farming business.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, of Eureka; and his children, Barbara Knadler, Marti Bushfield, Jeanne Cam-

eron, Jeff Brinton and Robert Brinton.

Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Eureka. Interment will be immediately afterward at Eureka Cemetery, with a reception afterward at the church.

## Ralph C. Brock, 83

Ralph C. Brock, 83, died on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his children, Jack Brock of Redwood City, Calif., Clarence Brock and Joyce Dean, both of Billings, Harriet Loughlin of

Kalispell, and Loren Henneberry of Roundup.

No local services will be held. Memorial services for family will held at a later date in Billings.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Claude Eugene Brooker, 82

Claude Eugene Brooker, 82, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2005, at Brecklan House.

He was born in Eureka, Mont., on April 22, 1923.

He served in the Army during World War II stationed in Germany. He moved to Columbia Falls in the 1950s and worked for the Klamath River Electric Co. for 30 years.

He proudly worked construction and was a team including Henry H. Berg, Paul, Armand, Alvin, and Frank. He was the president of the Klamath River Electric Co. and the Klamath River Electric Co. He owned two fish camps, one of the most successful and brook trout farms in the region. He and his wife, Jean, often traveled from Idaho.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Eureka, a member of the Klamath River Electric Co. and a member of the Klamath River Electric Co.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Virginia; his son, Rocky Hurrell; sisters, Helen Riley and Ethel Brooker; and brothers, Casey and Harry Brooker.

Claude is survived by his wife, Jean; sister, Mae Bucklin of Denver; brother, Seth "Bud" of Walla Walla, Wash.; grandchildren, Carrie, Kasey, Kayelle, and Brooke; great grandchildren, Kaitlin, Cayly, Raven and Ada; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Clarice May Brooks, 85

Clarice May Brooks, 85, died on June 21, 2005, at Horizon Hospice Home in Billings. She is survived by a son,

Wyman Brooks, of Billings. Cremation has taken place with a private memorial and burial planned.

## Dennis Wesley Brooks, 40

Dennis Wesley Brooks, 40, of Everett, Washington, ended his journey in the rushing waters of McDonald Creek on Monday, Nov. 21, 2005.

He was born April 23, 1965, in Whitefish to Delmas (Dennis) D. Brooks and Snoma (Rosemary) Marple.

He had a passion for living life to its fullest along with his love for the woods and Mother Nature. He was avid in all his endeavors of whatever he chose to do in life.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Eulalie Brooks, and his grandmother, Clara Marple.



Dennis leaves the love of his life and wife of five years, Anne; daughters Kiela and Tia; his father, Delmas Brooks of Columbia Falls; his mother, Snoma (Rosemary) Meagher, and stepfather, Corky Meagher, of Whitefish; two sisters, Genny Henterly of Whitefish, and Denise and husband, Cliff Willis, of Hungry Horse; a nephew, Justin Lugo, of Hungry Horse; a brother, Delmas Brooks Jr., of Kalispell; nieces, nephews and many friends in Montana and Washington; and stepbrothers, Shawn Meagher and Kim Spudt.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at the Canyon Community Church in Coram. A reception will be after the service.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Gabriel Allen Brown, 21

Gabriel Allen Brown drowned July 17, 2005, after diving into the south fork of the Flathead River (Devil's Elbow) while on a fishing trip with friends.

Gabriel was born Nov. 2, 1983, at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland to Roger A. Brown and Pamela J. Phelps.

Gabriel grew up and lived in Oregon with his mother and stepfather (Gary Bousquet).

In October 2004, Gabriel moved to Montana to live with his father.

Gabriel was working as a dry-wall hanger with Hung Well Dry-wall in Kalispell.

Gabriel loved dancing and was exceptional at it. He also had a strong interest in becoming an automotive technician.

Gabriel loved many activities involving four-wheelers, motorcycles and automobiles. Other interests included swimming and

fighting.

Gabriel is survived by his fiancée, Ashley "Buster" Sudan; mother, Pamela Bousquet, of Bend, Ore.; father, Roger Brown, of Kalispell; siblings, Michelle (location unknown); Danica Blackmore of St. Helens, Ore.; EchoTanaé and LakoyaShanaé Brown of Kalispell; stepmother, Renée Moreau, of Kalispell; two nieces and two nephews (location unknown); grandparents, Paul and Wanda Brown, of St. Helens; and grandparents, Richard and Judy Phelps, of Scappoose, Ore.

Gabriel was preceded in death by his stepfather, Gary Bousquet.

A service will be held at 1 p.m. Aug. 20, at the Columbia Falls Seventh-day Adventist Church, 269 Second Ave. E. N., in Columbia Falls.

A special thank-you goes out to all involved in the search and recovery of Gabriel's body.

## Holly Ann Love Brown, 50

Holly Ann Love Brown, 50, of Greenville, Texas, passed away Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005, in Sash, Texas.

She was born Feb. 28, 1955, in Kalispell.

Holly worked as a horse trainer. She had a great love for her family and a passion for riding and training horses.

She married Frank Brown on July 2, 1982.

Holly was of the Protestant faith.

She is survived by her husband of 23 years; sons, Thomas and wife, Amanda Arnold, and Brandon Brown, all of Greenville; daughters, Jennifer Arnold of Greenville, Anneliese Brown of

San Diego; mother and stepfather, Margaret and Jim Love of Swan Lake; brothers, Monte and wife, Cindy Love, and Tony and wife, Paulett Love, all of Swan Lake; sister, Paulette, and husband, Dan Estey, of Underwood, Wash.; grandparents, Roxy and Rose Holloper; and multiple nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Love.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Lynch Funeral Home Chapel in Greenville with Dr. Bill Benner officiating.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Aug. 31, at the funeral home.

# CLAUDE EUGENE BROOKER, 82

*April 17, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Claude Eugene Brooker, 82, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Brendan House. 

Claude was born in Harb, Mont., on Dec. 22, 1922.

He served in the Army during World War II, stationed in Germany. He moved to Columbia Falls in the 1950s and married June Barton Hinrichs on Sept. 3, 1955.

Claude worked construction and body repair including Hungry Horse Dam, Anaconda Aluminum Plant, the gas line, the missile silos east of the mountains, and B&F Excavating. Claude owned two body shops, one in the mid '50s and Brooker Body Shop, which he retired from in 1987.

Claude enjoyed first his friends, then fishing, hunting, golfing and working in his yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Virginia; his son, Rocky Hinrichs; sisters, Helen Riley and Edith Brooker; and brothers, Casey and Harry Brooker.

Claude is survived by his wife, June; sister, Mae Bucklin of Denver; brother, Seth "Bud" of Walla Walla, Wash.; grandchildren, Carrie, Leslee, PaviElle, and Brooke; great grandchildren, Kolten, Cayla, Raven, and Jada; and several nieces and nephews.

A service will be held 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Inurnment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.



## LeRoy Walter Brown, 85

LeRoy Walter Brown, 85, passed away at his home on April 2, 2005 in Whitefish of natural causes.

LeRoy was born on Jan. 22, 1920 in Lake, Wis. LeRoy's family moved to Montana in 1929 and lived and worked on a sheep ranch near Wynum. He moved to Whitefish in 1940 and married Winifred Wood in 1942 at St. Matthews Church in Kalispell. They have three daughters: Linda, Sherry and Raye. In 1961 through the Catholic Diocese of Helena, they became foster parents to Mary Terry and Julio Delgado, two Cuban children exiled by communism.

LeRoy started work with the post office in 1942. He started his career as a railroad engineer for the Great Northern Railroad in 1944 and retired in 1984.

He was a longtime Little League baseball coach. He was actively involved with Babe Ruth and Glacier Twins baseball for years. He was instrumental in the modernization of Memorial Field and spent many hours grooming the field for games. Roy was a longtime supporter of Whitefish High School athletics.

During LeRoy's retirement he was involved with the Knights of Columbus and the North Valley Food Bank. LeRoy was an avid outdoorsman who liked to camp, hunt and fish. He was the unofficial mayor of the Tally Lake campground.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Amy

Brown; wife Winifred "Wini"; brothers John, Art and Ward; sisters Alice and Julia and granddaughter Heather Anderson.

He is survived by longtime companion Pat Jarvi; children Raye "Cookie" and (Ray) Fleming, Julio (Benilda) Delgado and Linda (Dennis) Bordeleau in Lincoln, Sherry (Tom) Anderson in Cashmere, Wash., Mary (Tony) Carraros of Miami, Fla. and Elaine (Ray) Poser of Missoula. Grandchildren include Yvette and Jeff Gordon, Denise Bordeleau, Teri Kaye and Larry Rupp, Aubrey Anna Cravey, Matt Helms, Shawn and Tracy Anderson, Vinny and Jose Delgado, Eric and Trevor Poser and 9 great grandchildren.

A celebration of LeRoy's life will be held during a rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Mass of the Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Dunke and the Rev. Pat Patton as celebrants.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Interment will follow the mass at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the Glacier Twins organization in care of Rita Hanson, 100 E. Second, Whitefish, MT 59937.

## Olive Brown, 91

Olive Brown, 91, passed away Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Broadman Home in Kalispell.

Olive was born Aug. 3, 1914, in Montford, the daughter of George A. and Loretta (Hodmond) Brown. Olive was raised in the Kalispell area and also in Great Falls.

She married Alvin "Tommy" Brown on Dec. 9, 1931, in Alberta, Canada.

Olive loved horseback riding, crocheting and being with her family and friends.

Tommy preceded Olive in death. She was also preceded by three sisters, Mae McDonald, Zella Anderson, and Lorraine Ostrom, and two brothers, Buster and Samuel Brown.

Olive is survived by two sons, Dale and Earl Brown, of Kalispell; predeceased daughter Kathleen (Joyce) of Columbia Falls; an 11 grandchild, Lori D. Brown of Kalispell; three great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## William H. 'Wild Bill' Brown, 62

William H. "Wild Bill" Brown, 62, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on June 1, 1943, in Rocky Ford, Colo., to Mr. and Mrs. William Brown.

Bill was an avid NASCAR fan. He loved watching both Dale Earnhardt and Dale Jr. race.

He was fiercely proud of his

military service as a Marine and his tours in Vietnam where he was a POW for 15 months.

Bill is survived by his wife, Emogene "Jeane" Brown of Kalispell; eight sons and five daughters.

Services with military honors will be held at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Bill's family.

## Amida Lucille Bruch, 83

Amelda Lucille Bruch, 83, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1922, in Opheim, to John and Francis (Engels) Redfield. Amelda received her early education in Opheim, graduating from high school there.

She married Gerald Bruch on Nov. 26, 1941, in Kalispell. The couple lived in Kila for a short time before moving back to Opheim.

Amelda was a loving mother and devoted wife. She enjoyed knitting, embroidery and baking. In 1969 the family moved to Havre where Gerald retired from the railroad in 1975. At this time the family moved to Kalispell where Amelda was a member of the Central Bible Church.

Amelda was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, in 1985.



one brother and two sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Pauline Bruch of Kalispell, Lucille Houtz and husband, David, of Great Falls; and one son, Marvin Bruch and wife, Joyce, of Portland; one sister, Elona Krikorian of Glasgow; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Amelda will be held 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be on Monday at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Amelda's family.

## Joyce Marie Bryan, 57

Joyce Marie Bryan, 57, of Columbia Falls, "went to be with the Lord, and her beloved son Shane and numerous loved ones" Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005.

She passed peacefully, with her husband, Gary, son Dustin, and granddaughter, Ashley, by her side. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Joyce was born April 18, 1948, in Havre to Edward and Clarice Norby. In 1966, she graduated from Chinook High School, and in 1967 she married the love of her



life, Gary Bryan.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Shane Bryan, who died in 1994.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Gary; and son Dustin; numerous brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-granddaughter from the Bryan, Norby and Sargent families.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Columbia Falls LDS church. After the service, she will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Lunch will be served at the LDS church after the graveside service.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

## Lynn Bryant-Beaudry, 53

Lynn Bryant-Beaudry, 53, of Libby, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her daughter, Ashley Day, a son, Carson Bryant, serving with the U.S. Navy; and her par-

ents, Norman and Lillian Beaudry of Libby.

Services will be 1 p.m. Sunday at the Nelson & Vinj Funeral Home chapel. Private interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

# LEROY WALTER BROWN, 85

*April 04, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

LeRoy Walter Brown 85, passed away at his home on April 2, 2005 in Whitefish of natural causes.

LeRoy was born on Jan. 22, 1920 in Rice Lake, Wis. LeRoy's family came to Montana in 1929 and lived and worked on a sheep ranch near Bynum. He moved to Whitefish in 1940 and married Winifred Wood in 1942 at St. Mathews Church in Kalispell. They have three daughters: Linda, Sherry and Raye. In 1961 through the Catholic Dioceses of Helena, they became foster parents to Mary Terry and Julio Delgado, two Cuban children exiled by communism.

LeRoy started work with the post office in 1942. He started his career as a railroad engineer for the Great Northern Railroad in 1944 and retired in 1984.

He was a longtime Little League baseball coach. He was actively involved with Babe Ruth and Glacier Twins baseball for years. He was instrumental in the modernization of Memorial Field and spent many hours grooming the field for games. Roy was a longtime supporter of Whitefish High School athletics.

During LeRoy's retirement he was involved with the Knights of Columbus and the North Valley Food Bank. LeRoy was an avid outdoorsman who liked to camp, hunt and fish. He was the unofficial mayor of the Tally Lake campground.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Amy Brown; wife Winifred "Wini"; brothers John, Art and Ward; sisters Alice and Julia and granddaughter Heather Anderson.

He is survived by longtime companion Pat Jarvi; children Raye "Cookie" and (Ray) Fleming, Julio (Benilda) Delgado and Linda (Dennis) Bordeleau in Lincoln, Sherry (Tom) Anderson in Cashmere, Wash., Mary (Tony) Carraros of Miami, Fla. and Elaine (Ray) Poser of Missoula. Grandchildren include Yvette and Jeff Gordon, Denise Bordeleau, Teri Kaye and Larry Rupp, Aubrey Anna Cravey, Matt Hellums, Shawn and Tracy Anderson, Vinny and Jose Delgado, Eric and Trevor Poser and 9 great grandchildren.

A celebration of LeRoy's life will be held during a rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Mass of the Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, at the St. Charles Boromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Dimke and the Rev. Pat Patton as celebrants.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Interment will follow the mass at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

In Lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the Glacier Twins organization in care of Rita Hanson, 100 E. Second, Whitefish, MT 59937.



## Jerold Duane 'Jed' Bryars, 59

Jerold Duane "Jed" Bryars, 59, "joined Our Heavenly Father" on Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, as a result of an auto accident near Creston, Mont. He was born on Dec. 3, 1946, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Woodrow W. and Eileen E. (Hoggan) Bryars.



He grew up in Rupert, Idaho. He served on a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Denmark, and then went on to serve his country in Vietnam. When he returned, he met and married Bonnie Miller and had three children. They later divorced.

During his travels through life, he worked for a construction business before taking a job with the Bureau of Reclamation in Palisades, Idaho. He later transferred to Flaming Gorge Dam in Dutch John, Utah. From there, he moved to West Glacier, Mont., to work for the National Park Service, where he met the love of his life, Sharon Clanton. They were married Oct. 2, 1987, and returned to Flaming Gorge Dam in Dutch John, Utah. With this marriage, he welcomed three stepchildren into his life. After another job in Palisades, Idaho with the Bureau of Reclamation, in 1998 he and Sharon moved back to Columbia Falls and settled into the home he

built. He enjoyed his grandchildren, his golden retrievers and spending time with his family.

He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, and will be greatly missed. We will always remember the man he was and the examples he set. He will never be forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eileen, and father, Woodrow, and his brother Donald.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, of Columbia Falls, Montana; his three children, Marcie Bryars, Jera Watson and husband, Greg, and Wes Bryars and wife, Sharada, all of Idaho Falls, Idaho; three stepchildren, Pat Clanton and wife, Laurel, of Hungry Horse, Mont., Kevin Clanton and wife, Lori, of Aurora, Colo., and Darci Nelson and husband, John, of Great Falls, Mont.; his sisters, Shirley Clelland and husband, Bill, of Edmonton, Alberta, and Jeanne Ashcraft and husband, Ron, of Nampa, Idaho; and his nine grandchildren, Jacob, Tanyin, Levi, Tristan, Jared, Jordan, Kacen, AJ and Kagde.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Columbia Falls Second Ward Building, in Columbia Falls. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery after the funeral services. Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Jerold's family.

## Lucille Gladys Buck, 96

Lucille Gladys Buck, 96, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 5, 1909, in Kalispell, to Charles F. and Eda M. (Calhoun) Collier. Lucille's father worked at the railroad, operated a truck garden, and worked at the Conrad Cemetery. She was the eighth of 10 children. Her family lived on Willow Glen Drive and Collier Lane in Kalispell. Lucille graduated from Flathead County High School. She married Emmanuel Buck, whom she met at age 14, on June 7, 1930.

Lucille worked at the Conrad Bank, the Seed Warehouse, the Kalispell Mercantile, and Hollingsworth Electric. She cooked at Flathead County Nursing Home until past her 70th birthday. She enjoyed fishing and camping with her husband. She raised and canned a large garden.

Lucille was part of a traveling ministry that held Bible studies at members' homes. She traveled to church conventions in Seattle, the Midwest, San Francisco, Boise, Idaho, Portland, and Canada.

She learned to drive at age 64. The Bucks raised two children, Sharol Birks and Gene Buck, who died in October of 1992, and

only two months later Emmanuel died. She became a resident of the Immanuel Lutheran Home on April 4, 1998, and lived there until her passing.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Emmanuel Buck; one son, Gene Buck; one sister and seven brothers.

She is survived by one daughter, Sharol Birks and husband, Gene, of Kalispell; three grandsons, Dan Birks of Fort Collins, Colo., Dave Birks of Puerto Valarta, Mexico, and Doug Birks of Hungry Horse; five great-grandchildren, Monica, David, Stephanie, Emmanuel and Joanna; one sister, Bernice Holland of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial service for Lucille Buck will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 31, at the Faith Covenant Church with Pastor Brad Anderson officiating. There will be no visitation. Private burial will be at a later date at the Fairview Cemetery.

The family suggests that donations be made to the donor's choice.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Lucille's family.

## Howard J. Buck, 89

Howard J. Buck, 89, of Hot Springs died on Dec. 31, 2005, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. He was born July 16, 1916, at Camas Hot Springs and graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1936. He married Ruth Gardiner in 1955.

Howard's love of the outdoors continued from his childhood though his adult life. He was an avid sportsman, spending much of his free time fishing, hunting and camping. Some of the family's fondest memories are of spending weekends camping at Little Bitterroot and Flathead Lake. After retirement, he and Ruth enjoyed many years of fishing and camping.

Howard enlisted in the United States Army in 1940, serving in the Medical Corp in the Philippines during World War II. He attained the rank of staff sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1945.

Upon his return from the army he, his brothers and his father purchased and operated a sawmill for two years on his timber claim at McGregor Lake. He and his brother Eddie took over the operation of the family grocery store, Buck's Grocery, in Hot Springs. He was a partner in the store until his retirement in 1978.

A butcher by trade, Howard's pork sausage recipe continues to be a favorite among customers at Buck's Grocery and has been passed on to his great grandchildren from the Flathead, to Florida and Alaska.

Howard was a gentle, loving man, respected and loved by his family and friends. He leaves us with cherished memories of a wonderful life together.

Howard was public service minded, serving the community as a 65-year charter member of the Hot Springs Lions Club, fire chief of the Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Department, and was involved with youth as a Boy Scout leader.

He was preceded in death by his wife and pal, Ruth; one brother, Eddie; two sisters, Margie Fortner and Velma Roe.

He is survived by his daughters, Claire Massey and husband Bill of Hot Springs; Kathy Andrews and husband Colin of Kalispell; Donna Andrews and husband Steve of Kalispell; one brother, Lonnie Buck, of Missoula; one sister, Helen Pilgeram, of San Jose, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Howard will be held Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs. Military graveside services will follow at the Lonesome Murray Memorial Cemetery. Caring for the family is Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory of Polson. Memorials may be made to Ruth Buck's Education Scholarship Fund, c/o P.O. Box 603 Hot Springs, Montana 59845.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.groganfuneral-home.com](http://www.groganfuneral-home.com)

## Alice G. Buck, 85

Alice G. Buck, 85, passed away on Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born April 17, 1919, in Mason City, Iowa, to William F. and Gertrude (Johnson) Wilson. She graduated from high school in Aberdeen, S.D.

She married Wesley Buck on May 23, 1942, in Polson. She worked at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for about 18 years in bookkeeping and as a non-keeping supervisor.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary No. 234 and a member of the Eagles Camping Club.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wesley, and two brothers, John and William.



She is survived by two sons, Clifford J. Buck and wife, Mary, of Stockton, Calif., and Wesley Thomas Buck of Kalispell; two sisters, Edna May Colville and husband, Dick, and Martha Odegarck and husband, Clayton, all of Arizona, with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A vigil service for Alice Buck will be 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Committal will follow at Glacier Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow the burial at the Eagles Club at First Avenue and First Street in Kalispell. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

# ALICE G. BUCK, 85

*January 20, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Alice G. Buck, 85, passed away on Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born April 17, 1919, in Mason City, Iowa, to William F. and Gertrude (Johnson) Wilson. She graduated from high school in Aberdeen, S.D.

She married Wesley Buck on May 23, 1942, in Polson. She worked at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for about 18 years in housekeeping and as housekeeping supervisor.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary No. 234 and a member of the Eagles Camping Club.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wesley; and one brother, Robert Wilson.

She is survived by two sons, Clifford J. Buck and wife, Mary, of Stockton, Calif., and Wesley Thomas Buck of Kalispell; two sisters, Edna May Colville and husband, Dick, and Martha Odegarck and husband, Clayton, all of Arizona; with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A vigil service for Alice Buck will be 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Committal will follow at Glacier Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow the burial at the Eagles Club at First Avenue and First Street in Kalispell. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## Forrest Kendall 'Kenny' Burland, 79

Forrest Kendall "Kenny" Burland, 79, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 6, 1926, in Polson, to Thomas Bell and Adeline (Dupuis) Burland. Kenny spent his early years in Polson, going to school through the ninth grade.

He joined the Army Air Corps on Sept. 19, 1945, and served in radio communications, mostly in Japan, until 1947, when he received an honorable discharge. He came back to Polson and worked two years, then re-enlisted in the Army for another three years. When he returned to Polson, he became partners in the Burland Saw Mill east of Ronan with his older brother Frank.

About the early '70s Kenny moved to Drummond, and then to Lincoln where he had his own saw mill. During this time he married Elvira E. Shultz in 1975. They moved to Kalispell, where he worked at C & C Plywood, Kalispell Post and Pole, and was also a welder and worked construction.



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Kenny was a member of the Eagles and Elks. He enjoyed boating and would go to the Baja Peninsula with his motor home to enjoy the coast. He also enjoyed hunting in his younger years.

With his passing at age 79, he was the last of 14 children of John Thomas and Adaline

Burland.

He lived a full life and his family sends him on his way with love and tenderness.

He is survived by one special nephew, Dick Burland, and wife, Robin, and family of Polson; and other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services for Kendall "Kenny" Burland will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and on Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Kenny's family.

## Gary A. Burt, 63

Gary A. Burt, 63, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, after a long battle with progressive cognitive dementia.

He was born May 29, 1942, in Aitkin, Minn., to Harry O. and Evelyn (Smith) Burt.

Through the years of his life, Gary was a man of gifting and accomplishment. He was a teacher, an outdoorsman, a lover of dogs and horses, an athlete, a "mighty hunter." Gary loved music, people and spirited repartee. But more, even, Gary was a husband, a father, a grandfather; he was a man who lived life well, and loved and trusted the God he served.

Gary grew up on the lakes of northern Minnesota. He graduated from Bemidji High School in 1960 and went on to attend Bemidji State College. There, he was a talented track athlete, and to this day holds records in several of the sprint events.

During his college years, Gary switched his major from engineering to secondary education, with an emphasis in English. As he would be the first to explain — with his relentless joy in parsing words — teaching English was his "vocation," "voc" coming from the Latin word "to call." Truly, teaching was Gary's calling. He arrived in the Flathead in 1967, and during his 30 years at Flathead High School, he touched many lives, eventually teaching children of children before retiring in 1996.

During those years, Gary created and taught many innovative courses that were variations of Standard English. They included Technical Writing, SAT/ACT Prep, and "Literature for the Outdoorsman." Gary had inimitable style and force of personality, and his demand for excellence left lasting impressions on generations of students. Some loved "Mr. Burt," some didn't, but none forgot him.

During his years at Flathead High, Gary had a hand in a host of school-related activities. He was head track coach for a time, and sponsored the Outdoorsman Club. In the early '80s, Gary collaborated with the Alaska Writing Project, helping to institute a computer writing center at Flathead High; his was part of the pioneering work in a program that is now a part of every curriculum in the country. And though Gary taught many honors-level courses, he always had a heart for those who struggled with the language arts. His "Outdoor Lit" class grew out of a vision: creating a comfortable niche for those who disliked "English," but loved the outdoors.

Beyond the classroom, Gary was a man among men. He loved the



beauty of the Flathead and was most at home with his pack string and hunting rifle. He loved the "High Lonely" — the upper reaches of Glacier Park, the Great Bear and The Bob Marshall. Early on, he was a summer park ranger in Glacier Park, one of those on duty during the "Night of the Grizzly." He raised his two sons, Justin and Brandon, to love the wilderness he knew intimately; his daughter, Courtenay, he taught to love the horses who took them there. And through their 32 years of marriage, he and his wife, Kay, left few of the Flathead's lovely places untraveled.

Gary was not afraid to take risks. Briefly, he tried his hand at running a small business, Pepper's Pizza, and learned to hand-toss true Italian pizzas. He also raised registered yellow Labradors for a time at his Creston farm. Those pups were a mainstay for Gary as he struggled to accept the limitations of his illness, and his enjoyment in them was exceeded only by one last, great gift: grandchildren.

Gary had a singular trait that perhaps defines him best. When cresting a mountain pass, Gary would make a point of stopping for one long look back, savoring the beauty and pressing it into memory. Even then, he seemed to know that he might not return, and in retrospect, he lived his life that way — "looking back" at the panorama, registering the beauty and design. And through his last, difficult battle with early-onset dementia, he continued to be thankful for what was most precious to him, his faith, family and friends.

Gary's was a life with few regrets. Like Thoreau, the great writer and woodsman whose literature he'd once taught, Gary chose to arrive at the end of his life knowing he had truly lived.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Kathleen "Kay" Riedel Burt, of Kalispell; two sons, Justin Burt and wife, Melanie, with grandchildren, Timothy, Faith, and Jonathan Burt, all of Kalispell, and Brandon Burt and wife, Megan, of Oregon City, Ore.; one daughter, Courtenay Catherine Burt, of Kalispell; two sisters, Bonnie Silver of Gloucester, Va., and Marlys Kingbird of Lebanon, Tenn.; and several much-loved nieces and a nephew.

Memorial services for Gary will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Bigfork Chapel, with Pastors Richard Stewart, Robert Ross and Robert Malberg officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests memorials be given in Gary's name to: Hospice, Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or call the Brentwood Biomedical Research Institute at 310-260-3686.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Gary's family.

## Theresa F. Burnham, 99

Theresa F. Burnham, 99, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at her residence in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 3, 1906, in Springfield, Mass., the daughter of Frank and Katherine T. (Fleming) Lyon. Theresa received her primary and secondary schooling in Springfield, Mass. She then attended Northeastern University in Springfield, Mass.

After her schooling at Northeastern in 1928, Theresa worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Lincoma, N.H. She married Perley Burnham in Lincoma, and they moved to Washington, D.C. They also resided in Alexandria, Va., until 1976, when she and Perley moved to Kalispell, where she remained until her passing. She was a member of St. Matthew's Parish.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Perley, in October

2000, and a daughter, Judy, in June 2004.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Olson, and husband, Eric, of Great Falls; a son, Dave Burnham, of Whitefish; two granddaughters, Tamara Olson of Minneapolis, and Christa Burnham of Boise, Idaho; grandson, Marc Burnham, with wife, Heather, of Whitefish; and six great-granddaughters, ages 14 months to 10 years.

Mass of Christian Burial for Theresa F. Burnham will be held at 8:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Committal will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will take place at St. Matthew's from 8 a.m. until service time Friday.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Theresa's family.

# JOYCE E. (KIRK) BUSCHO, 71

*July 14, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Joyce E. (Kirk) Buscho, 71, of Applegate, Ore., formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, July 2, 2005, at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford, Ore., of heart failure.

Joyce was born in Kalispell on Oct. 8, 1933, to Arthur E. and Edna Kirk. She grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1951.

On Oct. 4, 1952, she married Warren R. Buscho, who survives her. They moved to San Jose, Calif., where they raised their sons.

She was a homemaker most of her life and raised more than 10 children in addition to her own sons.

In 1978, she and her husband moved to Applegate, Ore. Joyce enjoyed her family and was one of the founding members of the Ritzman Family Reunion.

In addition to her husband, survivors include her sons, Brad of Bridgeport, Calif., Larry of Danville, Colo., and Greg of Atascadero, Calif.; a brother, Bob Kirk of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Jeoffery Buscho, Justin Buscho, and Heather and Leah Buscho; and nieces and nephews, Lou Ann Hansen of Missoula, Patty Jo Heldstab of Columbia Falls, Dee Boon of Somers, Karla Crosbie of Caron, Saskatchewan, Barb Kirk of Kalispell, Tim Kirk of Missoula, Jan Carter of Denton, Dee Peck of Bigfork, Linda Anderson of Billings, Mike Kirk of Kalispell, and Jim Kirk of Denver.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ernie and Ed Kirk; and one sister, Patsy Kirk.

A memorial service was held on July 9 in Grants Pass, Ore., at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors, with Pastor Ken Bern officiating.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Oregon Affiliate, 1425 NE Irving, No. 100, Portland, OR 97232.



Eldin R. Butts, 79, of Kalispell, died Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at the Kalispell Care Center from natural causes. He was a dozer operator for St. Regis out of Rexford and Libby. Survivors include his wife, Betty Ann of Eureka; and children, Eilene Tolle of Libby,

and friends, and going for drives around the valley. He recently moved to Heritage Place due to ill health. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lottie Byrne; his brother, Bob Byrne, whom he always called "The Captain"; and an infant sister. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Peggy Byrne; four nieces and their spouses, Jerry Davisson and Bob Rehus of Palmer, Alaska, Carol Wilkins and husband, Cliff, of Coram, Noreen Fraleigh and husband, Michael, of Cumberland, R.I., and Colleen Fisher of Kalispell; and numerous cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews. Memorial services for Tom will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Fairview Chapel on Middle Road, east of Kalispell. Pastor Ron Pierce will officiate. There will be no visitation. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Tom's family.

Thomas J. 'Tom' Byrne, 85

Thomas J. "Tom" Byrne, 85, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



He was born on June 26, 1920, in Columbia Falls, the son of John and Charlotte "Lottie" (Heller) Byrne.

In his early years, he was a dairy farmer, drove a cattle truck, and then farmed and raised livestock throughout the valley.

He moved to Washington State in the early 1970s, living in Walla Walla. After being there one year, he moved back to the Flathead Valley, living at the base of the foothills between Kalispell and Columbia Falls.

He loved gardening, keeping his woods clean, watching all of the wildlife on his property, visiting with all of his neighbors

Jack M. Butts, 71

Jack M. Butts, 71, of Eureka, died Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell from natural causes.

He was a dozer operator for St. Regis out of Rexford and Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Ann of Eureka; and children, Eilene Tolle of Libby,

Marvin Butts of Elko, Nev., and Jim Butts of Eureka, and Debbie Price and Mary Olson, both of Kalispell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today, Aug. 16, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Hazel June Dicker Buzzell, 87

Hazel June Dicker Buzzell, 87, died Aug. 15, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell of natural causes.

She is survived by her children, Bonnie Juroe of Montana, Cheryl West of California, Ron Buzzell of Missouri,

and Lauretta West of Alaska. Private family services will be held at 3 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with Dr. Dave Juroe officiating. Her cremains will be placed next to her husband at Desert Lawn Memorial Gardens in Arizona.

Ethel 'Marie' Shelley Bustillos, 82

Ethel "Marie" Shelley Bustillos, 82, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She had worked as a trimmer "Rosee the Riveter" at the Oakland Naval Yard in California, then as a machinist and in electronics.

Survivors include a sister, Aika Graham, of Libby, and

two brothers, Richard Shelley of Libby, and Trevort Shelley of Spokane.

Services will be Saturday, Feb. 12, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday.

Arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Lois A. Buxton

Memorial services for Lois A. Buxton who died Nov. 23, 2004, in Missoula, will be at

1:30 p.m. April 15 at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton.

# ELDIN R. BUTTS, 79

*April 23, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Eldin R. Butts, 79, a lifelong Eureka resident, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 5, 1925, in Eureka, to David Wallace and Adaline Doble Butts. He grew up in the West Kootenai and attended school at the Toole Lake School.

After school he served in the United States Navy. After his honorable discharge he returned to Eureka where he worked with his brothers cutting ties for the railroad. At Christmas time they would cut Christmas trees. He then went to work for the U.S. Postal Service. He drove two different routes - the West Kootenai route and the Gateway route for 18 years. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service doing maintenance and later he worked as a dispatcher.

He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt and fish. It had been said that he could catch fish in a barrel.

His wife, two brothers and a sister, preceded him in death.

Survivors include is children, Larry Butts and his wife, Faye, of Eureka, Faith Erickson and husband, Leigh, of Eureka; sister, Edith Hudson and husband, Dale, of Eureka; half brothers, Elden Marvel and wife, Donna, of Kalispell, and Ned Butts and wife, Tillie, of Fortine; half sister, Cheri Butts and husband, Dan, of Whitefish; Ella Evinrude and husband, Larry, of Kalispell, and Neva Duff and husband, Robert, of Blairemore, British Columbia; grandchildren, Carrie Schmidt and husband, Dale, of Eureka, Russell Butts and wife, Jennifer, of Whitefish, Janice George of Seeley Lake, and Jennifer Armstrong and husband, David, of Eureka; great-grandchildren, David, Hayden, Emily, Brandon, Courtney, Kristen, and Travis.

Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Eureka

Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home, Eureka.